

**Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes**  
**July 28, 2004**

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:29 p.m. (EST) on July 28, 2004 in the Indiana Government Training Center Room 2, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis.

Board members present were Chairman John R. Goss, Vice Chairman John J. Newman, Jon C. Smith, Donald R. Cochran, Julie Donnell, Harry L. Murphy, William L. Selm, and Barbara Trimble.

Staff members present were Karie A. Brudis, John L. Carr, Paul C. Diebold, Shana N. Kelso, Steven D. Kennedy, Malia D. Savarino, Josh Smith, Amy E. Walker, Amy L. Johnson, and Karen Hanes. Visitors present were David Cleveland, Eric Fulford, Mark Deckard, Orbin Ash, Matt Pore, William Stinson, Brian Pierson, Andrew Wolka, Mark Dow, Stephen Collins, Dan Gardner, Mary Crowe, Jodi Goings, Jeremy Risen, Vernita Leslie, Erica Taylor, Linda Weintraut, S. Vawter, Connie Zeigler, and Mark Dollase.

Chairman Goss called for the approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2004 meeting. Barbara Trimble noted an error in Section IV, number 5, of the John Fitch Hill House nomination, Criterion A should be Criterion C. John Newman noted that the motions for approval for all items under Section IV should include listing in both State and National Registers. Julie Donnell requested that Section IV item 8, the minutes should read that she recused herself for "personal" instead of "personnel" ties to the property.

The minutes were approved with these corrections.

**I. Division Director's Report**

Jon C. Smith reported on the National Historic Preservation Week Tours and thanked Amy Walker for coordinating the event. In June, NACP was in Indianapolis and in conjunction with our office, they held their CAMP program (Community Assistance and Mentoring Program). Staff felt they had learned a lot of valuable information and had a lot of fun. Jon hopes to bring it back again in 2005. Jon also reported on the Jewish Heritage Initiative and how much information had been uncovered. Jon asked Amy Johnson to discuss Archaeology month that will be held in September. Amy told everyone that this was the third year for Archaeology Month (the ninth year if previous Archaeology Week events are counted) and there was attendance of 5,400 people at the various activities. This year's theme is Preserving Indiana's Past.

**II State Certificates of Approval**

**1 Request by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Engineering for a certificate of approval to alter the Indiana State Fairgrounds, in Indianapolis, Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana, by landscaping around the Department of Natural Resources building, reconstructing the fish ponds and walkways on the west side, construction of a pergola in the butterfly garden, and construction of a fishing pond and amphitheater on the north side.**

Bill Stinson, representing the State Fair Grounds discussed the State Fair and the dedication of the remodeled 4-H building. Matt Pore from the DNR Engineering Division gave an overview of the project. The DNR building has been a part of the State Fair since 1952. The fish pond has been at the fair since 1952 as well and the new pond should promote better health for the fish. DNR also proposed to build a pergola in the butterfly garden area and build a small amphitheatre and demonstration fishing pond in the former "zoo" area to the north of the building in this request. The updates in the butterfly garden will house live butterflies. Shana Kelso stated that staff recommends the approval of this certificate. John Newman moved to approve the request subject to adoption of the staff comments and Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

**2. Request by the Division of Indiana State Museums and Historic Sites for a certificate of approval for the stabilization of ceilings throughout the Culbertson Mansion at 914 ast Main Street in New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana.**

Orbin Ash gave the board a brief description of the work to be completed including application of a new ceiling over the old ceiling, with the moldings replicated. The wallboard, called "Imperial," is designed to be skim coated with plaster to resemble a true plaster wall. Karie Brudis stated that staff did not have further

comments and recommended the approval of this certificate. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate subject to provisions noted in staff comments and Donald Cochran seconded the motion.

3. **Request by the Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval for the demolition of the Orr Iron Company building as part of improvements to SR 62 (Lloyd Expressway) in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana.**

John Carr from DHPA addressed the board regarding the project. He stated that the Orr Iron Company building does stand in the way if INDOT is to complete to improvement to SR 62. Several alternatives to losing a building listed in the National Register were looked into, however, the alternatives would result in not only significant cost but also the loss of an even older historic structure, the 1855 Canal House. Under the Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement that is being drafted, the building will, at least, be documented photographically. Linda Weintraut, David Cleveland, representing INDOT, Dan Gardener and Mark Deckard spoke about the project. They also tried to avoid the building and showed photographs of the area. Avoiding the Orr Iron building would have caused what is called a broken back turn, which would have caused safety issues. Moving the building was also investigated, but would have cost \$33 million. The applicants proposed that the site be photographed before demolition, a brochure be published, and signage be installed to document the site. The plans also call for an outdoor pavilion, built with materials from the Orr Iron building. The site would also anchor Carpenter Field. Barriers will be put by the ramp and a sidewalk will be installed as well as a bridge over Fulton Avenue. John Newman moved to grant the Certificate of Approval and that the board adopt the staff comments as part of the motion, and Barbara Trimble seconded the motion and it carried.

III **State and National Register Applications**

1. **Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church, 043-237-00119, 9449 Harrison Street, Greenville, Floyd County (1731)**

Paul Diebold stated that the staff recommended the approval for the State and National Register for its local significance under Criterion C. He stated that even though vinyl was added, it retained significant interior design as well as the moldings. John Newman questioned the vinyl siding. John Goss asked if there was clarification on the siding issue. Paul stated that NPS guidance for the past 15 years states that sided buildings have been accepted by the Register, providing the building's architectural details were not masked and the siding mimicked the nature of the material being covered. William Selm asked about the details the siding is covering up. Mr. Selm also questioned whether the board would be sending out a signal that artificial siding is ok. Director Goss asked for a motion. John Newman made the motion to approve for the State and National Registers for Criterion C with the proviso that future applications for artificially sided buildings be judged on an individual basis, following the NPS guidelines for sided buildings. William Selm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. **Hillcrest County Club, 049295-00042, 6098 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis, Marion County (1758)**

Paul Diebold reported that staff recommends approval for its local significance under Criteria A and C. The golf course has remained remarkably unchanged. John Newman made a motion to approve for the State and National Register under Criteria A and C. Julie Donnell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Goodland-Grant Township Public Library, 111 South Newton Street, Goodland, Newton County (1777)**

Paul Diebold stated that the staff recommends approval of this application as locally significant under Criteria A and C. Barbara Trimble made a motion to approve for the State and National Register under Criteria A and C. John Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. **Hall School, 109-258-20009, 5955 W. Hurt Road, Monrovia, Morgan County (1790)**

Paul Diebold reported that staff recommends approval of this application under Criteria A and C for its locally outstanding architecture and for its connection to the development of education in Morgan County. William Selm made the motion to approve for the State and National Register for Criteria A and C. John Newman seconded the motion.

5. **Millen House, 105-055-80021, 112 N. Bryan Avenue, Bloomington, Monroe County (1792)**

Paul Diebold stated that staff recommends approval for both the State and National Registers as locally significant under Criteria A and C. Newman questioned why further deed and legal ownership records were not consulted to resolve issues such as the date of the front porch. John Newman made the motion to approve for the State and National Register for Criteria A and C, subject to further clarification and research, as determined by staff. Harry Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. **Central Court Historic District, 098-296-04000, 3529-3575 Central Court, 414-441 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (1795)**

Paul Diebold reported that staff recommends that the district be listed on the State and National Registers under Criteria A and C for its local significance. Harry Murphy made the motion to approve for the State and National Registers. William Selm seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. **Louis J. Bailey Branch Library – Gary International Institute, 089-232-20577, 1501 W. Madison Street, Gary, Lake County (1787)**

Paul Diebold stated that staff recommends approval for the State and National Register under Criteria A and C, for statewide significance. Selm requested that the applicant work with staff to clarify statements in the nomination regarding types of European nationalities that immigrated to the U.S. Julie Donnell made the motion to approve for the State and National Register under Criteria A and C. Barbara Trimble seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV **Grant Evaluation Criteria and Priorities for FY 2005 Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

Steve Kennedy gave a report on the HPF Grant Program. The Grant packets are now available. On May 18 about 500 packets were mailed and the packet information was also posted the DHPA web site. The packets are the same as those for 2004 with only some wording changes. DHPA staff received two comments, one dealing with altering survey priorities. Kennedy told the board that the survey locations are placed on a tier structure and when a survey reaches 12 years of age, it is moved to the next tier. He stated there are currently 11 counties left to be survey, and that staff felt that they should be a priority. Director Goss asked how much it would cost to complete the survey and Kennedy reported about ½ million dollars, 25 to 28 from the state since the federal/state is a 70/30 match. The board moved to approve Kennedy's report.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.